

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Westside Lead - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region IV

Subject: POLREP #5
Progress Report
Westside Lead
C482
ATLANTA, GA
Latitude: 33.7654320 Longitude: -84.4087470

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Date: 4/17/2020

Reporting Period: 3/27/20 - 4/17/20

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	C482	Contract Number:	
D.O. Number:	68HE0420F0006	Action Memo Date:	11/4/2019
Response Authority:	CERCLA	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	Non NPL	Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:	1/6/2020	Start Date:	1/6/2020
Demob Date:		Completion Date:	
CERCLIS ID:	GAN000407160	RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	GA EPD
FPN#:		Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

Other - Historical use of contaminated fill prior to implementation of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

1.1.2 Site Description

1.1.2.1 Location

The Westside Lead Site is located in the English Avenue and Vine City neighborhoods of Atlanta, just west of downtown. In January, 2020, the site boundaries were expanded. The new site is bounded by the former CSX rail line and Northside Drive to the east, North Avenue to the north, Oliver Street and Sciple Terrace to the west, and Foundry Street to the south. The address used is 395 Elm Street, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia 30314. The Site coordinates are Latitude: 33.7654320, Longitude: -84.4087470.

The Site is primarily residential with commercial and institutional property interspersed throughout, but particularly along the eastern border abutting the former rail line. Additionally, several large City parks are included in the new boundary. Based on property zoning codes, there are an estimated 1058 residential properties within the entirety of the boundary, both Phase 1 and 2. Most are single-family homes, although there are several multi-family properties within the area. Nearly all of the owners are absentee landlords renting out the property. Additionally English Avenue has a high percentage of unimproved or abandoned property. The 2008 housing crisis left many properties distressed, and many properties remain abandoned. A parcel-by-parcel verification of the new area, termed "Phase 2" is underway. This process was already performed in Phase 1 at the outset of response activity. The final number of properties will be determined based on the actual-use survey of the parcels.

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Refer to Initial POLREP for this information.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

Refer to Initial POLREP for this information.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Previous Response Actions

Residential soil excavation began on January 27, 2020. For a detailed accounting of previous activity during this response, please see the prior Pollution Reports.

2.1.2 Response Actions This Reporting Period

Site crews have taken steps to reduce their potential exposure to the coronavirus, including taking worker body temperatures during the morning safety briefing, maintaining social distancing between workers when possible, reducing or eliminating their exposure to the general public, and performing increased common area cleanings.

Crews continued to concentrate the removal efforts on unoccupied properties and vacant lots. An additional XRF was obtained to collect confirmation data faster. Site crews are also conducting transportation and disposal of contaminated soil. Favorable weather conditions and larger staging area have enabled the crews to work more quickly during this reporting period.

2.1.2 Outreach and Community Involvement

No public outreach activities are currently ongoing.

2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)

Face to face interaction with the public has paused due to COVID-19 virus. However, communication via telephone, email and internet continues.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

Metrics are current as of the end of the reporting period.

SAMPLING	
Total Properties (estimated):	1068
Access Granted:	327
Properties Sampled:	233
Properties Requiring Removal (>400ppm):	113
REMOVALS	
Properties Requiring Removal:	113
Properties in Progress:	3
Properties Completed:	15
Properties Remaining:	95
DISPOSAL	
Tons of non-hazardous soil:	4,140

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

Response activities are anticipated to remain constant for the upcoming weeks.

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

The expansion into Phase 2 will require enhanced START participation and, consequently, funding. Outreach efforts will be enhanced to collect a greater percentage of resident demographic data used for tiering properties for removal. A ceiling increase action memo is being drafted for additional funding.

2.2.2 Issues

Worker health and safety due to the coronavirus outbreak is of utmost concern. In terms of work progress, rain continues to be the biggest challenge to efficient operations.

2.3 Logistics Section

No information available at this time.

2.4 Finance Section

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				

ERRS - Cleanup Contractor	\$1,550,000.00	\$1,350,000.00	\$200,000.00	12.90%
TAT/START	\$125,000.00	\$87,000.00	\$38,000.00	30.40%
Intramural Costs				
Total Site Costs	\$1,675,000.00	\$1,437,000.00	\$238,000.00	14.21%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

2.5 Other Command Staff

No information available at this time.

3. Participating Entities

No information available at this time.

4. Personnel On Site

STAFFING THIS REPORTING PERIOD

OSCs: 1

CICs: 1

START: 1

ERRS: 10

5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time.

6. Additional sources of information

No information available at this time.

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.